ARTICLES

TO BE

ENQVIRED OF

Within the Peculiar

JURISDICTION

OF

THOMAS PIERCE

DEAN OF

SARVM.

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The TENOR of the OATH to be Administred to the Churchwardens and Sidemen of every Parish.

YOu shall faithfully Administer all such Church Goods as are or shall come to your hands, to the use of the Church; and thereof make a faithfull account at the end of your Office: delivering all that remaineth thereupon to your next Successors. And you shall diligently enquire of, and from time to time faithfully present, all such persons, as you shall either upon your owne knowledge, or by publick fame, understand to be guilty of any offence or fault, which is to be punished by the Laws Ecclesiastical of this Realm; and mentioned or not mentioned in the Articles here following: wherein you shall not present any person for malice, hatred, or evil will; or spare any for favor, fear, or any corrupt affection; but shall faithfully and fully discharge your consciences as men having the fear of God before your eyes, and seriously intending the preservation of Religion and Church Discipline:

So help you God.

ARTICLES OF VISITATION and ENQVIRY Within the peculiar Jurisdiction of the Dean of SARVM.

TIT. I.

Concerning Churches and Chappels, with the Ornaments thereunto belonging.

Art. 1. IS your Parish Church or Chappel with the Chancel thereof in good repair? Is it well fenced without, against the injury of the weather, and decently furnished within; with a convenient Pulpit and Pew, from whence the People may hear the Word preached, and Morning and Evening Prayers with the best advantage read? Have you a Large Bible and two Service Books of the last Edition? Have you a Comely Surplice for your Minister when he officiateth in time of Publick Divine Service, provided; and to be duly washed at the Charge of the Parish: Can. 85. Can. 82. Can. 83. Can. 58.

2. Is there a Font of Stone with a Cover, placed at the Entrance into your Church, for the Administration of the Sacrament of Baptism? And is there in your Chancel a Decent Communion Table, for the Administration of the Lords Supper; with a Carpet of Silk, Stuff, or Fine Woollen Cloth, and another Covering of white and pure Linnen to spread thereupon? And have you a fair Communion Cup and Challice, with a Cover of Silver, and one or more Flagons of Silver or Pewter thereunto belonging? Can. 81. Can. 82. Can. 20.

3. Hath the Steeple or Tower of your Church or Chappel,

Lindw. Provinc. constit. lib. 3. de immunitate Eccles.

pel, or any part thereof, been pulled down; or any of the Lead or Bells formerly belonging thereunto been imbezelled, sold, or made away: In whose hands or custody doth the same, or any part thereof, remain: Declare what you know or have heard therein.

Can. 99.

4. Have you the Book of Homilies set forth by Authority: A Book of Canons and Constitutions Ecclesiasticall? And a Printed Table of Degrees wherein Marriage is prohibited?

Can. 70.

5. Have you a Register Book of Parchmen, wherein to register the Names and Sirnames of all such Persons as are Married, Christned, or Buried, within your Parish; together with the Names and Sirnames of both the Parents of the Children so christned: expressing the Day of the Moneth and Year of all such Christenings, Marriages, and Burials: And is the Transcript thereof yearly, within one Moneth after the 25th of March, brought into the Deans Registry?

Can. 52.

6. Have you likewise another Book of Paper, wherein to record the Names and Licences of all such Strangers as are admitted at any time to preach in your Church or Chappel?

Can. 89.

As also a third Book, wherein to write down the Church-wardens Accompts; together with a strong Chest with three Locks and Keys, wherein to keep the aforesaid Books and all other the Ornaments aforementioned in safe custody? And lastly, Have you a Bier with a Black Pearle Cloth, for the Buriall of the Dead?

TIT. II.

Concerning the Church-yard, the Houses, Glebe, and Tithes, belonging to the Church.

Can. 85.

1. IS your Church Yard sufficiently fenced with Walls, Pales, or Rails, and decently kept, from the annoyance of Swine, Horses, and other Cattle: Hath any person encroached upon the same, or made any Door into it, out of his own ground or habitation, without allowance from your Ordinary. The Dean of Sarum? Have any trees there growing,

ng, been cut down: How long since, by whom, and to whose
e and benefit?

2. Is the House of your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, (with
the Out-houses thereunto belonging) kept in good and suf-
ient repair? Or have any of the said Houses or Out-hou-
s been defaced or pulled down, without Licence from the
Dean your Ordinary? & by whom: Hath any person en-
ached upon any Garden, Yard, or Close, belonging to your
rsonage or Vicarage House? Or cut up any Trees
reon growing: Or changed or removed the Antient
rks or bounds of the same? *Lindw. lib. 1. de Offic Archid.* *Ibid. de Eccles. adificand.*

3. Have you a true and perfect Terrier of all the Glebe Can. 87.
nds, Gardens, Orchards, Tenements or Cottages belon-
ing to your Personage or Vicarage: As also a Note of
Pensions, Rate-Tythes, and Portions of Tythes, or
r yearly Profits (either within or without your Parish)
long thereunto: Have any of the same been with-held
your Minister, and by whom Declare what you have
rd or what you know of these things?

4. Have any of the Glebe Lands belonging to your Par- *Lindw. lib. 3. de rebus Eccles.*
ge and Vicarage been taken away or exchanged for o-
r, without the free consent of the Incumbent or Licence
the Dean of Sarum your Ordinary? By whom hath the
been made: and how many years since? and how much
your Personage or Vicarage damnified thereby in the year-
ly value thereof, as you know, or believe, or have heard from
hers?

TIT. III.

Concerning Ministers.

1. Is your Minister defamed, or suspected to have obtai- Queen *Elizabeths* Injunctions 26.
ned either his Benefice or Orders by any Simonaical
pact.

2. Hath he been legally Inducted into his Benefice? Can. 36. *Lindw. l. 3.*

3. Did he within two Months after his Induction publi- 13. *Eliz.* cap. 12.
y in the Church upon some Sunday or Holyday, in the

time of Divine Service, read the 39 Articles of the Church of England, established by Authority; and there publickly declare his assent thereunto?

Can. 41. 4. Hath he any other Ecclesiastical Benefice? Is he constantly upon his Benefice among you? How many Weeks in any one Year hath he been absent from it?

Can. 47, 48. 5. Hath your Minister a Curate to assist him? Who is that Curate? Is he conformable to the Laws and Orders of the Church of England? Doth he serve in any other Church beside? And what yearly Stipend doth your Minister allow him?

6. Doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, in reading the Can. 14: daily Morning and Evening Service, Administration of the Holy Sacraments, Celebration of Marriage, Churching of Can 21. Women after Child-birth, Visitation of the Sick, Burial Can. 68. of the Dead, and pronouncing Gods Commination against Rubrick of Prayer. Impenitent Sinners use the form of words prescribed in the Comm in Book of Common Prayer, without any addition, omission, Visitat. of or alteration of the same? And doth he use all such Rites and the Sick. Ceremonies in all parts of Divine Service as are appointed Bur. Comin. in the said Book, so far as you have observed?

Can 58. 7. Doth your Minister at reading or celebrating the Divine Offices in your Church or Chappel, wear the Surplice?

Can. 64 8. Doth he observe Holy Days and Fasting Days, as all Rubr. the Ember Weeks and the yearly Perambulation in Rogation Com. Week, as in the Common Prayer Book is appointed, Prayer. giving notice to the Parishioners of every of the same in the Church in the time of Divine Service, upon the Sunday next Queen Elizabeths Injunct. before?

1559. 9. Is your Minister licenced to preach by the said Dean Can. 48. of Sarum? or by whom else? If so, doth he then constantly Can. 46. (unless in case of sickness or other reasonable impediment) Can 45. 46. preach himself in your Church or Chappel, one Sermon every Sunday? Or if he be not a licenced Preacher, or being so licenced, be hindred by Sickness or otherwise, as aforesaid, doth he procure a Sermon to be so preached by some other Minister a Licenced Preacher? Or one of the Homilies set forth by Authority to be there read by Priest or Deacon?

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10. Doth your Minister diligently instruct the youth of your Parish in the Church Catechism? And doth he prepare and present them, being so instructed, to be confirmed by the Bishop of the Diocese of Sarum? And doth he endeavor to reform all Popish Recusants and other Sectaries (if any such inhabiting within your Parish) to the true Religion established in the Church of England, and to their bounden duty in obeying the Laws & submitting to the Government thereof? Can. 59. *Injunct. Eliz.* 44. *Rubr. common Prayer.* Can. 61. Can. 66. Can. 67.

11. Doth he neglect or refuse to visit the Sick or delay the Baptism of any Infant that is in danger of death? Is there any Child past Infancy or other person of more years, through your Ministers default, yet remaining unbaptized in your Parish? Doth he use to baptize any without Godfathers and Godmothers, or admit either of the Parents to be Godfather or Godmother to their own Children? Can. 68. Can. 69. Can. 29.

12. Hath he at any time (as you know, or have heard) preached any false, heretical, seditious doctrine, thereby to set the people into parties and factions, to the disturbance of the Publick Peace and Unity either of Church or State? Can. 5. 23. Queen *Eliz.* 12.

13. Hath he presumed to marry any persons in private houses? Or such as being under age, have not the consent of their Parents? Or without the Banes first published on three Sundays or Holydays in the Church? Or at any other times than between Eight and Twelve in the Morning, without a Licence and Dispensation so to do from your Ordinary? Can. 62.

14. Hath your Minister taken upon him to appoint any publick or private Fasts, Prophecyings, or Exercises not appointed by Authority: Or doth he or any other Minister or person, hold any Conventicles or Meetings in private houses within your Parish, for people of severall Families to resort unto, under pretence of Preaching, Praying, Thanksgiving, or Humiliation, contrary to the Laws and Canons in that Case provided? Can. 72. Can. 73.

15. Is your Parson, Vicar, Curate, or Lecturer (if you have any) a man unblameable and exemplary life: Doth he familiarly converse with ungodly, vicious, and excommunicate persons? Is he a frequenter of Taverns or Alehouses? a common Gamester? a Swearer, Railer, and Quarreller, Can. 73.

reller? Doth he set Neighbours at variance one with another? Or encourage them to suits & Contentions? Is he noted to be an intemperate Drinker? Or vehemently suspected of Can. 74. Incontinency with any person either within your Parish or without? Is his Apparel grave and decent, as the Canons of the Church require? Or his Carriage and Conversation in any kind whatsoever disorderly or scandalous, and unbeseeming a Minister of Jesus Christ?

TIT. IV.

Concerning Parishioners.

Can 110. 1. IS there in your Parish any person, a known or reputed Heretick or Schismatick? Any Papist, Familist, Anabaptist, Quaker, or other Sectaries, that refuse to come unto the Publick Assemblies, Prayers or Services of the Church? Or that makes profession of any other Religion than what is Established in the Church of England? And if there be any such what are their Names?

Can. 109. 2. Is there any in your Parish that lieth under a common fame or vehement suspition of Adultery, Fornication, or Incest? Are there any common Drunkards within your Parish, or Common Swearers or Blasphemers of Gods Name? Or any that are noted to be Railers, Unclean or Filthy Talkers, or Sowers of Sedition, Faction, or Discord, amongst their Neighbours?

5 & 6 Ed. 6. cap. 3. Can. 13. 3. Do any of your Parish upon Sundays or Holydays, follow their bodily or ordinary labour? Or permit their Servants so to do? Or any Shops kept open, or Wares sold? Or do any Vintners, Innekeepers, or other Victuallers and Sellers of Beer or Ale, suffer any persons to tipple or game in their Houses upon those days?

1 Q. Eliz. cap. 2. 4. Doth every person inhabiting and sojourning within your Parish, duly resort unto your Church and Chappel upon every Sunday and Holyday appointed for Divine Service?

Can. 18. Do they then and there abide quietly, with reverence, order, and decency, during all the whole time of Common-Prayer, Preaching,

Preaching, or other Service of God there used? And are there any among you that come only to Preaching, and not to the Common Prayers of the Church? Can. 111.

5. Doth every person reverently uncover his head, and so continue all the time of Divine Service in the Church? Do they all reverently kneel at the Prayers, and stand up when the Creed and Gospel are read, making due reverence when the Name of Our Lord JESUS is mentioned? Can. 18.

6. Are there any in your Parish that refuse to send their Infant Children to be baptized publickly in the Church, unless in case of urgent danger; in which case the Child may be baptized at home by a lawful Minister, after the Form and Rites appointed in the Liturgy? Or do they send them from their own Minister, to be baptized in other Parishes, or after other Form than is appointed? Or do they keep them unbaptized any longer time than the Church alloweth? And are there any Infants or more aged persons in your Parish as yet unbaptized? Rubr. Bapt.

7. Doth every Householder in your Parish cause their Children and Servants to come to Church to learn their Catechism, and to give account thereof unto your Minister, as he shall require it of them openly in the Church upon Sundays and Holy-days, as in the Book of Common Prayer is appointed: That when they are well instructed in the same, they may be confirmed by the Bishop of the Diocess? Can. 59. Can. 62. Can. 112.

8. Is there any person in your Parish, who being 16. years of Age, doth not receive the Sacrament of the Lords Supper at least three times in a year, of which Easter is always to be one? Doth your Minister, according to the Canon in that behalf, within one Month of Easter, yearly present unto the said Dean of Sarum the Names of such as do not then receive the Sacrament? Doth any in your Parish refuse to receive the same kneeling, or from the hands of your own Minister, repairing for it to other Ministers abroad: Or are there any Strangers, not of your Parish, that forsake their own Churches, and usually repair to yours, receiving the Sacrament there? Can. 114. Can. 21. Can. 27. Rubr Com. Prayer. Can. 28. and 57.

9. Have you any among you, that be denounced and declared Can. 65.

red Excommunicated for any Crime committed? How long have they been so Excommunicated? And do any of your Parish keep society with them before they be reconciled to the Church and absolved?

Can. 99. 10. Are there any living within your Parish as Man and
Can. 107. Wife, who are within the Degrees prohibited? Or are there any, that being lawfully divorced, have married again? Or any, that being lawfully married, and not separated or divorced by course of Law, do not cohabit together?

Rubr. Com. Prayer. 11. Are there any married Women in your Parish who after their Delivery from the peril of childbirth, refuse to make their Publick Thanksgiving to God in the Church? And when they come so to do, do they come decently apparelled, and make their Offerings according to the Custom?

27 Hen 8. 20. Rubr. Com. Prayer. Can. 85. 12. Are there any belonging to your Parish, who refuse to pay the duty for Easter Offerings to your Minister? Or any that refuse to contribute and pay the Rate assessed upon them for the repair of your Church or Chappel, and for the providing of such Books, Furniture, and Ornaments as be requisite for the performance of all Divine Offices there?

Rubr. Com. Prayer. Can 6. 13. Do any refuse to bury their Dead according to the Rites of the Church of England; and are there any Wills or Testaments of Persons dead in your Parish, yet unproved, or any Goods administred to, without a due Grant from the Ordinary: Declare the Names of such deceased persons, and of those also who do possess their Goods? Did any dying in your Parish or elsewhere, leave any Legacy to your Church or Chappel, or to the Cathedral Church of St. Maries in Sarum? Were those Legacies ever payed and how have they been bestowed:

Can. 92. 21 Hen. 8. 5. Lyn. lib. de Visitat.

TIT. IV.

Concerning Parish-Clerks and Sextons.

Can. 91. 1. HAve you belonging to your Church or Chappel a Parish-Clerk, aged 21 years at the least? Is he of honest life and conversation, and sufficiently able to perform his

his duty in Reading, Writing, and Singing? Is he choſen by your Miniſter, and doth he attend him in all Divine Services at the Church? Are his Wages duly paid unto him? Or who withholdeth the ſame from him?

2. Doth he or your Sexton (if there be any ſuch appointed in your Parish) Diligently look to the Doors of your Church, that they be opened and locked in due time? And doth he keep your Church or Chappel clean from duſt, cobwebs, and other annoyance? Doth he toll or ring the Bells at the due accuſtomed hours, before the beginning of Divine Service Morning and Evening, that the People may be warned to come to Church? And when any perſon is paſſing out of this life, doth he upon notice given them thereof, toll a Bell, as hath been accuſtomed; that the Neighbours may thereby be warned to recommend the dying perſon to the grace and favour of God? Can. 69.

TIT. VI.

Concerning Hoſpitals, Schools, School-Maſters, Phyſicians, Chyrurgeons, and Midwives.

IS there in your Parish any Hoſpital, Almes-house, or Free-ſchool, not of the Kings Foundation or Patronage? Who was the Founder, or is now Patron thereof? And what is the yearly Revenue or Stipend, belonging to the Governors or Maſters of the ſame? Is the ſame ordered and governed in every reſpect as it ought to be? and are the Revenues thereof rightly employed, according to the intention of the Founder, and of ſuch Grants and Ordinances as have been made concerning the ſame? 1 Queen. Elizabeth. 3. & 4.

2. Doth any man keep a publick or private School in your Parish, who is not allowed thereunto by the Dean of Sarum? Doth your School-Maſter teach his Scholars the Catechiſm of Religion, ſet forth by Authority? Doth he cauſe them upon Sundaies and Holy-daies orderly to repair to your Church or Chappel? And ſee that they behave themſelves there quietly and reverently during the time of Divine Service and Sermon? Can. 77. Can. 79.

3 Hen: 8. cap. 11. 3. Doth any Man in your Parish practise Physick or Chyrurgery, or any Woman take upon her to exercise the Office of a Midwife, without Approbation and Licence of the Dean of Sarum your Ordinary?

To the Churchwardens and Sidesmen.

KNow you assuredly, That as the true discharging of your Office is one of the chief means whereby Publick Disorders, Sins, and Offences, may be reformed and punished: so if you wilfully refuse to present such Crimes and Faults, as either you know to have been committed, or otherwise have heard of by publick fame: That in such Cases, you will be proceeded against in the Ecclesiastical Courts, as in Cases of Wilful Omission and Breach of Oath.

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